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SUBJECT: MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATIONS

1. FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S VIEWPOINT, THIS YEAR'S MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATIONS, HELD ON JUNE 1, WERE LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL. THE AUDIENCE, ESTIMATED TO BE UNDER 4,000 (ONE-THIRD THE USUAL MADARAKA DAY CROWD), WAS DISTRACTED JUST BEFORE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BY THE CRASH NEARBY OF ONE OF THE HAWKER HUNTER JETS PARTICIPATING IN THE TRADITIONAL FLY-PAST. MANY LEFT THEIR SEATS AT UHURU PARK TO RUSH TO THE CRASH SCENE DESPITE POLICE EFFORTS TO KEEP THEM IN PLACE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

2. IN HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT GAVE USUAL REVIEW OF PAST INDEPENDENCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED STABILITY TO KENYA'S DEVELOPMENT, AND WARNED THAT, IN PAST TWELVE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN QTE EXTERNAL FORCES, ACTING THROUGH MISGUIDED AGENTS IN

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OUR COUNTRY, HAVE SOUGHT TO USE THE WEAPONS OF POLITICAL

DISCONTENT AND PHYSICAL THREATS TO DESTROY THIS STABILITY  
UNQUOTE. TWO POINTS INTENDED FOR POPULAR APPEAR WERE  
PROVISION OF GOVT. COMPENSATION FOR PEOPLE INJURED OR  
KILLED BY WILDLIFE AND RENAMING OF LAKES RUDOLPH AND  
HANNINGTON AS LAKES TURKARA AND BOGORIA RESPECTIVELY.  
SPEECH DREW LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FROM CROWD.

3. TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON GARDEN PARTY AT STATE HOUSE ALSO  
SPARSELY ATTENDED. PRESIDENT, IN SOLEMN MOOD, OMITTED  
USUAL PRACTICE OF GREETING DIPLOMATIC GUESTS OR PARTICIPATING  
IN TRIBAL DANCING.

4. ONLY POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OVER LAST WEEK WAS  
PRESIDENTIAL PARDON OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN MAY 24 AND 26  
CLASHES WITH POLICE (NAIROBI 4336). ASTUTE POLITICAL MOVE  
HAS FOR TIME BEING HELPED DEFUSE STUDENT TENSIONS, BUT  
THSE MAY REVIVE IF REPORTS OF SERIOUS INJURIES,  
INCLUDING RAPE, SUFFERED BY STUDENTS AT HANDS OF PARA-  
MILITARY GSU PROVE TRUE AND GAIN CIRCULATION THROUGH  
PARLIAMENT OR THE PRESS.  
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